

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 140873)

## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the dedication of an Official State Historical Marker that recognizes and honors Edison High School and its former students who died in the Vietnam War.

WHEREAS, 2014 is the 50th year anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin Incidents that marked the beginning of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, American veterans of the Vietnam War served honorably throughout the war, fighting courageously for the nation's highest ideas – freedom, democracy and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Sixty-four (64) of Edison High School's former students made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War – the first on November 6, 1965 and the last on January 17, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Edison High School has the highest number of losses of any school in the nation during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1960s, many students of Edison High School collectively bought the first wooden memorial plaque for the names of their fallen brothers; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, through private funds and fundraising, the staff and students dedicated a more permanent bronze memorial plaque for public display; and

WHEREAS, The tradition of respect has continued to the present day when annual candle lighting ceremonies are held to honor these young men whose lives ended too soon; and

WHEREAS, These ceremonies are centered around sharing the proud legacy of Edison High School with the current staff and student body; and

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WHEREAS, On November 8, 2014, the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission together with Dr. Darryl Johnson, Edison Class of 1972, Military Veteran and Teacher at Thomas Edison High School and John C. Fareira Skills Center gather to dedicate an official state historical marker commemorating Thomas Edison High School and the Vietnam War; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby commemorates the dedication of an official state historical marker that recognizes and honors Edison High School and its former students who died in the Vietnam War on.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Edison High School symbolically on behalf of all the young men who served and especially those who sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War, evidencing the sincere admiration and respect of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the thirtieth day of October, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Oh, Squilla and Henon

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Oh, Squilla, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Neilson, Kenney, Greenlee, Goode, Tasco, Blackwell, Reynolds Brown, Bass and O'Brien